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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF)
Robert G. Padingham, et al.) Examiner: Nga B. Nguyen
SIL SERIAL NO. 09/688,289) Group Art Unit No. 3628
FILED: October 13, 2000) Customer No. 23644
FOR: Automated Negotiation within an)
Auction System)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 14, 2006

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of May 3, 2006, and as part of a Request for Continued Examination, it is requested that the application be amended as follows: